

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-10 and 13-16 and 19-21 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1, 7-9, 19 and 20 are allowable. Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any subject matter not presently claimed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims were rejected as failing to limit the subject matter of claim 10 from which they depend. Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is therefore believed to have been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 13-18 and 21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 and 13-19 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,852,042. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Pat. No. 6,852,042. The rejection of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting is now moot. Claims 10, 13-16 and 21 should now be in condition for allowance.


Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicant believes that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicant's attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

A fee is believed due for submission of the Terminal Disclaimer. A separate fee sheet is attached. Should any additional fees be due, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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